

SEVEN YEARS OF A NOBLE WORK

Richmond S. P. C. A. Plans to Re-
tend Its Usefulness.

BRIGHT FUTURE OPEN TO IT.

Last Year of the Century Begins Aus-
piciously for the Society—Sketches
of Those Whose Efforts Have
Brought Success.

The last year of the nineteenth cen-
tury opens auspiciously for the Richmond
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals, it having made arrangements
for enlargement of its work and func-
tions, and asks for a continuance of the
support and encouragement of the public
which it has received in the past seven
years of its existence.

Only a very small number of the peo-
ple of this city and State have any ade-
quate idea of the work which this so-
ciety is performing, and many think that



MR. IRA MOWERY.
(President Richmond S. P. C. A.)

its principal business is to arrest and
annoy drivers of horses and owners of
stock, but while the society is sometimes
called upon to perform this unpleasant
duty, this is neither the aim nor the
object of its existence, but its purpose is
rather to be educational and helpful—
educational in the sense of fostering a
humanitarian sentiment throughout the com-
munity in organizing "bands of mercy"
of young people and in a general way
disseminating knowledge that will ren-
der this society and all similar institu-
tions unnecessary in the future, helpful
in the sense of aiding indigent owners of
stock to take care of their possessions
and thereby make them more helpful and
useful to them, and helpful, also, to large
owners of horses and teams in looking
after irresponsible and cruel drivers, who,
without the knowledge of these owners,
would cruelly treat their stock and de-
preciate their value.

SEVEN YEARS OF LIFE.

There has probably never been in the
city of Richmond a single institution prov-
ing more conclusively what can be ac-
complished by the persistent and deter-
mined efforts of one man than the suc-
cessful organization of the Richmond Society
for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in
September, 1892, and its subsequent work.
Some years before an effort had been
made in this city to organize such an as-
sociation, but for some reason or other
it failed. The organization of the Richmond
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals in September, 1892, and its subsequent
work, has been a success.



H. G. CARTER.
(Secretary Richmond S. P. C. A.)

Ira Mowery, who, though a stranger to
our people, speedily made the acquaint-
ance of representative citizens and found
time to interest himself in the cause of
the prevention of cruelty to animals. He
gathered about him a number of ladies
and gentlemen who were willing to de-
vote their time and energy to the ad-
vancement of this cause. Earnest and
interested though they were, and anxious
to do what they might, Mr. Mowery gave
shape and purpose to their labors, and inaugurated
the career of earnest effort and suc-
cessful accomplishment which have been
the distinctive characteristics of this Society
ever since.

A SOCIETY IS ORGANIZED.

The Society was fully and completely
organized under its charter of February



CAPTAIN A. B. GUIGON.
(General Counsel Richmond S. P. C. A.)

25, 1892, with Dr. Jud. B. Wood as pres-
ident, a number of prominent gentlemen
as vice-presidents, and Mr. Mowery as
secretary.

The selection of the officers and Execu-
tive Committee, among which latter were
a number of ladies warmly interested in
the cause, and the selection of the
achievements of Mr. Mowery in this or-
ganization. Later the secretary was
compelled, for business reasons, to remove

from Richmond to Norfolk in February
1893, and from there to New York, where
he has since chiefly resided. However,
the work so auspiciously begun in the
Richmond society was built upon solid
foundations and did not languish. He
was succeeded in office by Mr. F. J.
Craik, Jr., who retained the position of
secretary until he too was called from
Richmond by business interests.

ELECTED PRESIDENT.
Mr. Mowery returned to the city in
April, 1899, and was almost immediately



MISS PEARL BODEKER.
(Managing Director Church Hill Branch,
S. P. C. A.)

re-elected secretary of the society, which
position he held until Dr. Wood's with-
drawal from the presidency, which he had
held so long and filled so acceptably.
Upon Dr. Wood's resignation, Mr. Mowery
was unanimously elected president at the
annual meeting in November.

THE OTHER OFFICIALS.

Captain A. B. Guigon, the attorney for
the Richmond S. P. C. A., is a gentleman
well known in this city, both profession-
ally and socially, and is an alumnus of the
University of Virginia. Captain Guigon
is the general counsel for the Richmond
Telephone Company, the Richmond Rail-
way and Electric Company, and the
Board of Pharmacy of the State of Vir-
ginia.

The other officers of the Society are
the following:
Vice-Presidents—Messrs. Jud. B. Wood,
Joseph Bryan, P. H. Mayo, Virginia
Newby, and Capt. John Cussons, of For-
est Lodge, Henrico county; Treasurer,
Mr. W. Ben Palmer; Secretary, Mr. Hor-
ace G. Carter. The two officers are
Messrs. Pusey and Taylor.

THE LADIES' PART.

It is within safe bounds to say that the
society would not have survived the pre-
judice and opposition with which it has
had to contend if it had not enjoyed the
loyal support and unflinching devotion of
the noble women who have enabled it to
do its work so much good in this city and
State, and among its lady supporters none
have given more zealous and intelligent
aid than Miss Pearl Bodeker, the man-
aging director of the Church Hill Branch.

Miss Bodeker is a young lady who has
the heart of a hero, and she is the heart
of the society. The friends of Mercy,
which are such valuable adjuncts to the
society, are all the fruits of her fertile
brain and industry.

A GREAT PAPER.

Large Number of Marriages a Sure
Sign of Prosperity.

BOYDTON, VA., Jan. 4.—Special.—The
Sunday's Times is without doubt the
best edition of any paper I have ever seen
published in Virginia, and shows extra-
ordinary enterprise on the part of its
management. The paper not only shows
enterprise, but it is very instructive,
containing as it does, accounts of the
various industries which have been de-
veloped in this State, particularly in the
city of Richmond. Certainly such great
labor as has been bestowed upon it, as
well as its heavy expense attending the
publication of the paper, should be ap-
preciated and liberally patronized by
the people of Virginia.

Which has been said about the renewal
prosperity throughout the country, and
the evidence of a bright future everywhere.
One of the most striking evidences of
the return of prosperity to the county of
Mecklenburg is the large number of mar-
riages which have taken place in the coun-
ty during the month of December, for
without doubt, hard times have a very
depressing effect upon the art of a
nationally inclined man.

The records of the clerk's office show
that there were eighty-two marriage
licenses issued that month, and County
Clerk James says this is fifteen more
than was ever issued from the office in
any one month since the organiza-
tion of the county, about the year
1860.

Great energy was displayed here this
week in harvesting ice. I saw a dig-
gled clergyman, and a cashier of one
of the county banks (who was out
duty by reason of his being a legal hol-
iday), each mounted on a wagon and
driving the team in their zeal and hurry
to fill up their ice houses fearing a
thaw might come.

Captain Max Fleichman, a millionaire
yeast manufacturer, and the Hon. J.
Rogers Wright, attorney at law, both
of Cincinnati, Ohio, are visiting Mr. C.
Townes at Chestville. These gen-
tlemen are great sportsmen, and brought
three fine brood sows along.
The first germ of the season was
held last night at Wallers' Hall.

"Death of a Noble Woman."

Not only will this community, but
thousands of surviving soldiers of the
Lost Cause, hear with sorrow of the
death of Mrs. Jane Claudia Johnson,
wife of Gen. Bradley T. Johnson,
which occurred at Amelia Court House,
Virginia, last Sunday, the last day of the
year.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Raleigh, be-
ing the daughter of the late Judge
Romulus M. Saunders, and sister of our
townsman Col. William J. Saunders.
Just before the civil war she married
Mr. Bradley T. Johnson, of Maryland,
who afterwards distinguished himself in
the Army of the South, attaining to the
rank of Brigadier General. During that
great struggle Mrs. Johnson devoted her
entire energies and resources to the South-
ern cause, and to the comfort of the
active and the sick soldiers, and thus won
a place in the hearts of all the people,
civilian as well as soldier. Her death will
cause sadness throughout the South,
among the older generation, and par-
ticularly in this her native city. Her
remains will be buried in the ground of
the Home she built up for the old vet-
erans at Amelia Courthouse to-day—a
last resting place for her beneficent hav-
ing been from the Park surrounding
the Home with military honors.

The Post, in memory of the glorious
past, unites with the brave soldier hus-
band, and other relatives, in sincere sor-
row at this untimely departure of one who
was so unselfish and constant in faith,
in the discharge of every duty, and the
exemplification of every virtue which
graces the true Christian woman. —
Raleigh Post.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward
for any case of Catarrh that cannot be
cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
P. J. CHENEY & CO., Props.,
Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J.
Cheney for the last fifteen years, and
believe him perfectly honest in all busi-
ness transactions, and financially able to
carry out any obligations made by him.
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nials free.
Hall's family Pills are the best.

INTELLIGENCE OF THE BEAVER

Uses His Large, Broad Tail Just as a
Mason Does a Trowel.

CONFIRMATION OF THE THEORY

Interesting Account by Dr. Edgerton

It. Young Who, While a Mission-
ary to the Red Indians, Wit-
nessed Beavers at Work.

The following article is sent us by Col-
onel Richard Irby, of Ashland, Va.:

Some months since you were kind enough
to publish an article I sent you, entitled
"The Beaver in Virginia." A number of
the most intelligent gentlemen in the State
thanked me for writing it. In it a very
interesting question was raised in regard
to the use the beavers make of their broad
trowel-shaped tails. The use by them of
this appendage was conceded by all in
one respect, that is, to give an alarm of
danger by one to others at play or at
work. I believe they also use it like the
wild duck uses its wings, to show its
exhibition when a number are sporting
themselves together, and the noise made
is similar. But the editor of "The Nat-
uralist" disputes the claim heretofore
made that the beavers use their tails to
carry mud to their dams, and then, as
trowels, to plaster or apply the mud on
the dams, which in Virginia they build
so rapidly and scientifically, as I attempt-
ed to describe in my article. I believe
above, I believe they did make such use,
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